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**Applicants : Erh-Kun Lai**

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For : SHALLOW TRENCH )  
ISOLATION AND METHOD OF )  
FORMING THE SAME )

## AMENDMENT

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed together with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE). In response to the Advisory Action mailed on June 28, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.